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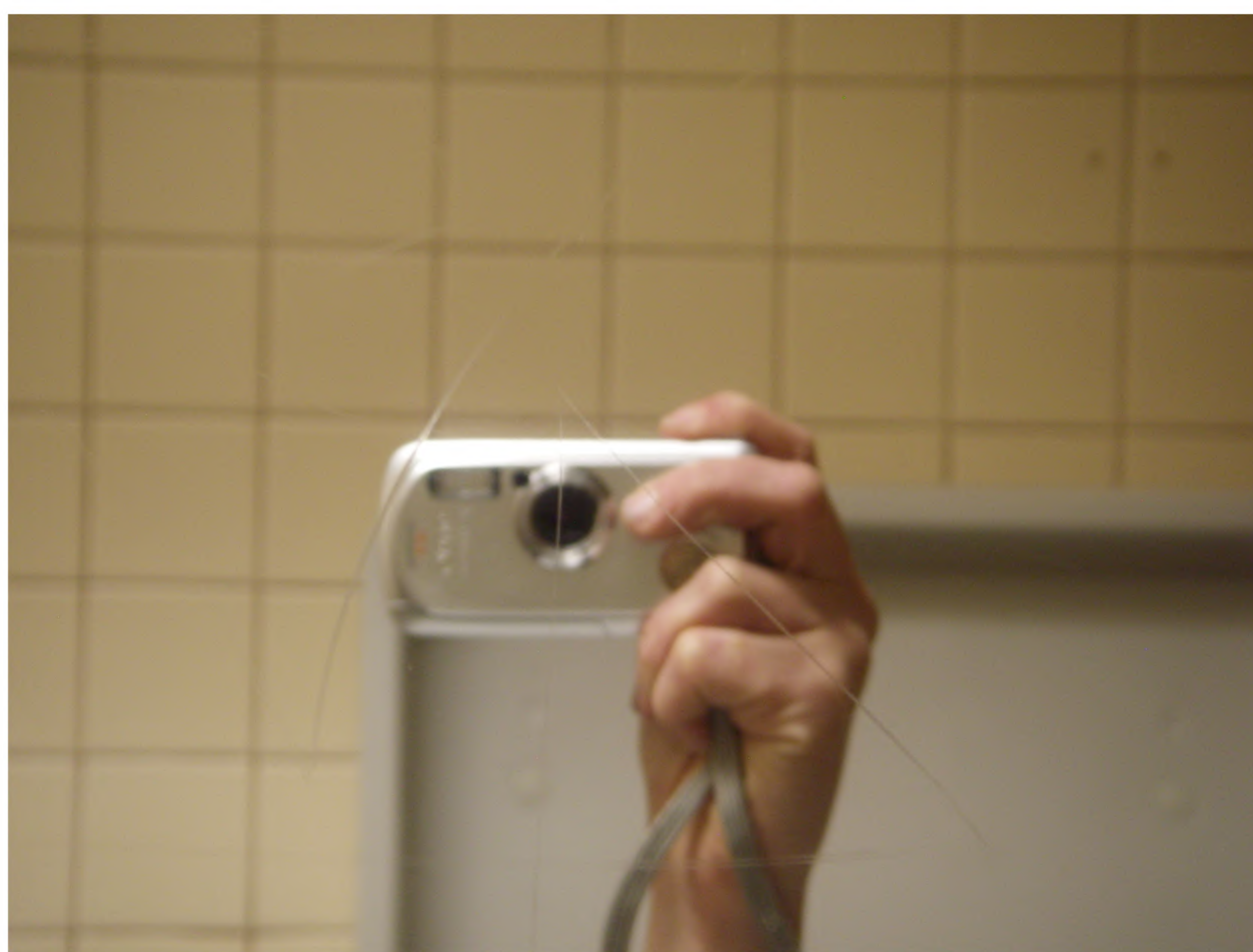
TONY WHO LIVES AROUND THE CORNER FROM ME WAS HAVING THIS SALE. HIS SIBLINGS WERE HELPING HIM SELL THEIR MOTHER'S ITEMS, AND ONE OF THE SISTER WAS DETAILING SOME SERIOUS DRAMA THAT HAD GONE DOWN AND SOUNDED LIKE SHE WAS ON THE VERGE OF TEARS. I ENDED UP BUYING A DOLLAR PORCELAIN ANGEL, ONE FROM A SET OF TWO. TONY TOLD ME THAT EVERYONE LOVES THE ANGELS.





THE SELLER SAID THAT HER MOTHER HAD COLLECTED MANY, MANY MORE SALT SHAKERS THAN WHAT WAS ON DISPLAY, AND SHE FOUND IT INTERESTING WHICH ONES HER FAMILY CHOSE TO PUT OUT.





I MET ANN AT A SATURDAY NIGHT BIKE REPAIR WORKSHOP AND SHE MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS SELLING HER DAD'S CAMERAS AT A GARAGE SALE THE UPCOMING FRIDAY. HER DAD WAS AN AVID RAFTER, SO ALL OF THE CAMERAS WERE WATERPROOF. I GOT A \$10 PENTAX OPTIO WHICH I'VE USED TO TAKE ALL SUBSEQUENT PICTURES.



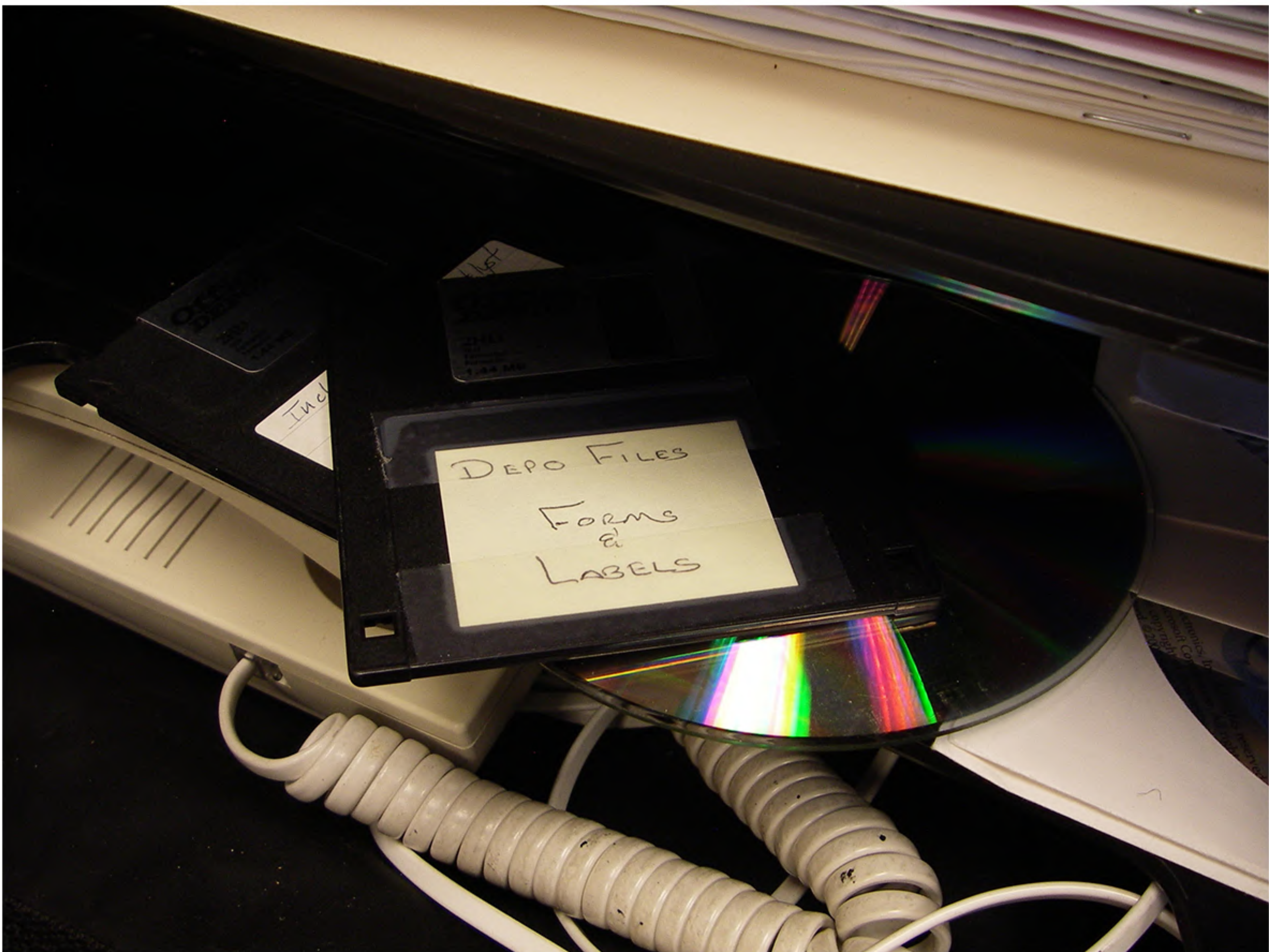


I GOT TO THIS YARD SALE A FEW HOURS AFTER THE POSTED END TIME ON CRAIGSLIST. THE SELLER RAN OUT OF HER HOUSE TO TALK TO ME ABOUT EVERYTHING SHE WAS PURGING IN HER PRE-SPRING CLEANING, AND EVEN OFFERED TO DRIVE A DESK I WAS LOOKING AT TO MY HOUSE (I DECLINED).





A WHOLESALER SPECIALIZING IN “SPECIAL AND SACRED TREASURES” WAS MOVING OUT OF THEIR CURRENT WAREHOUSE AND SELLING OFF THEIR INVENTORY.



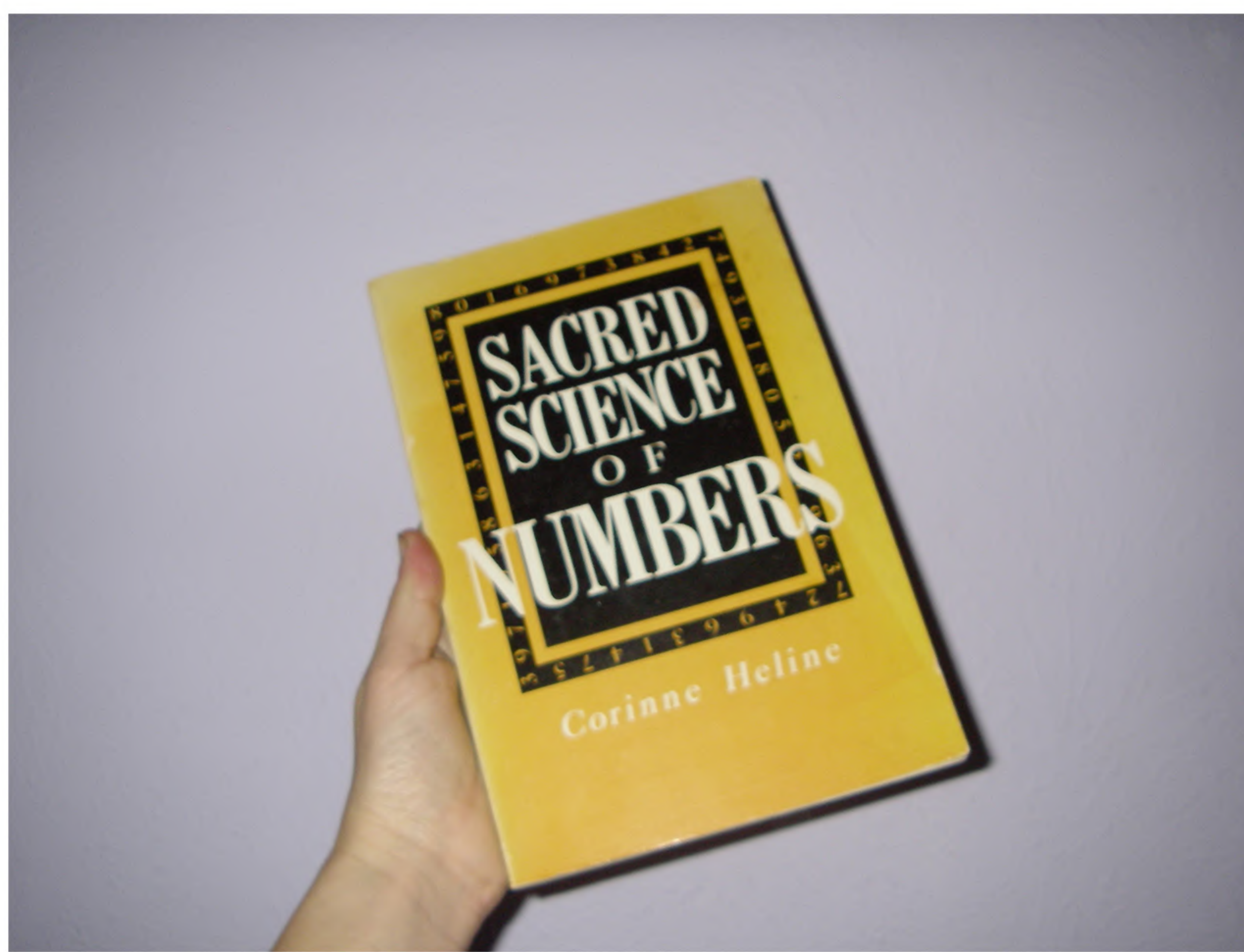


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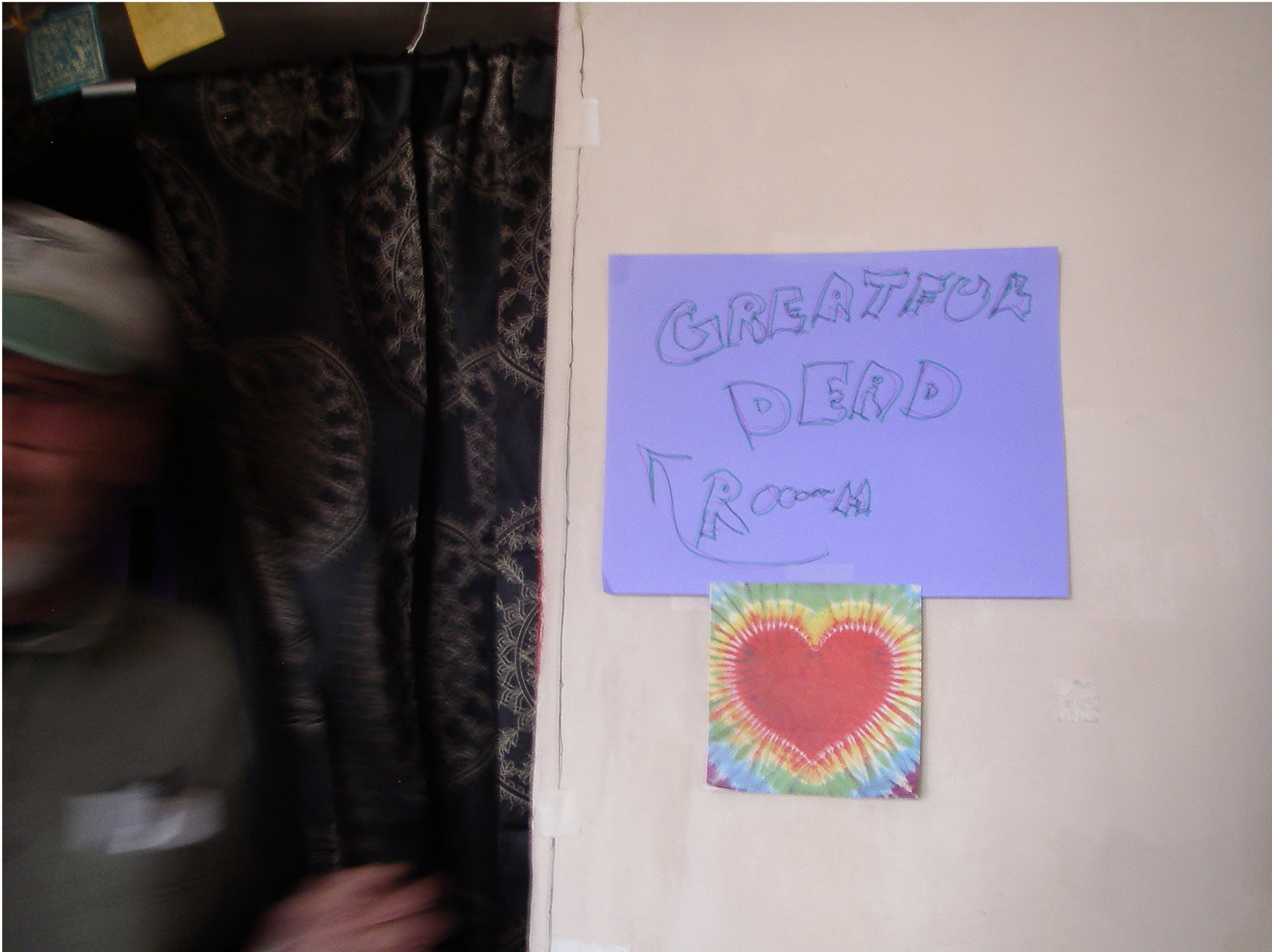
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THE WOMAN HOLDING THIS GARAGE SALE USED TO BE AN ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCER BUT NO LONGER HAD AN USE FOR ALL THE FLOWY SKIRTS SHE ACQUIRED IN HER CAREER. WHEN I HELPED ANOTHER SHOPPER GET A DRESSER INTO HER CAR, SHE SAID SHE LOVED TO SEE STRONG YOUNG WOMEN AND RELATED IT TO WHEN SHE WAS LIVING IN COASTAL MAINE AND SINGLE-HANDLEDLY LIFTED AND TILTED HER HOUSE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE PROPERTY IT WAS ON. I BOUGHT CORINNE HELINE'S *SACRED SCIENCE OF NUMBERS* FROM HER.





HARMONICA MIKE WAS PLANNING TO MOVE TO MEXICO SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE GREW UP IN THE SAME TOWN AS JERRY GARCIA AND ONCE TOOK A \$5 GUITAR LESSON FROM THE GRATEFUL DEAD FRONTMAN BEFORE HE HIT IT BIG. HE TOLD ME TO TUNE INTO HIS SUNDAY BLUES RADIO SHOW HE WAS DOING THE NEXT DAY AND I DID.

